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Remarks on Presentation of Death Mask of John Hunter to the St. Louis Medical Society

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John Hunter (1728-1793) « » The Man and His Spirit

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REMARKS IN PRESENTATION OF THE DEATH MASK OF JOHN HUNTER

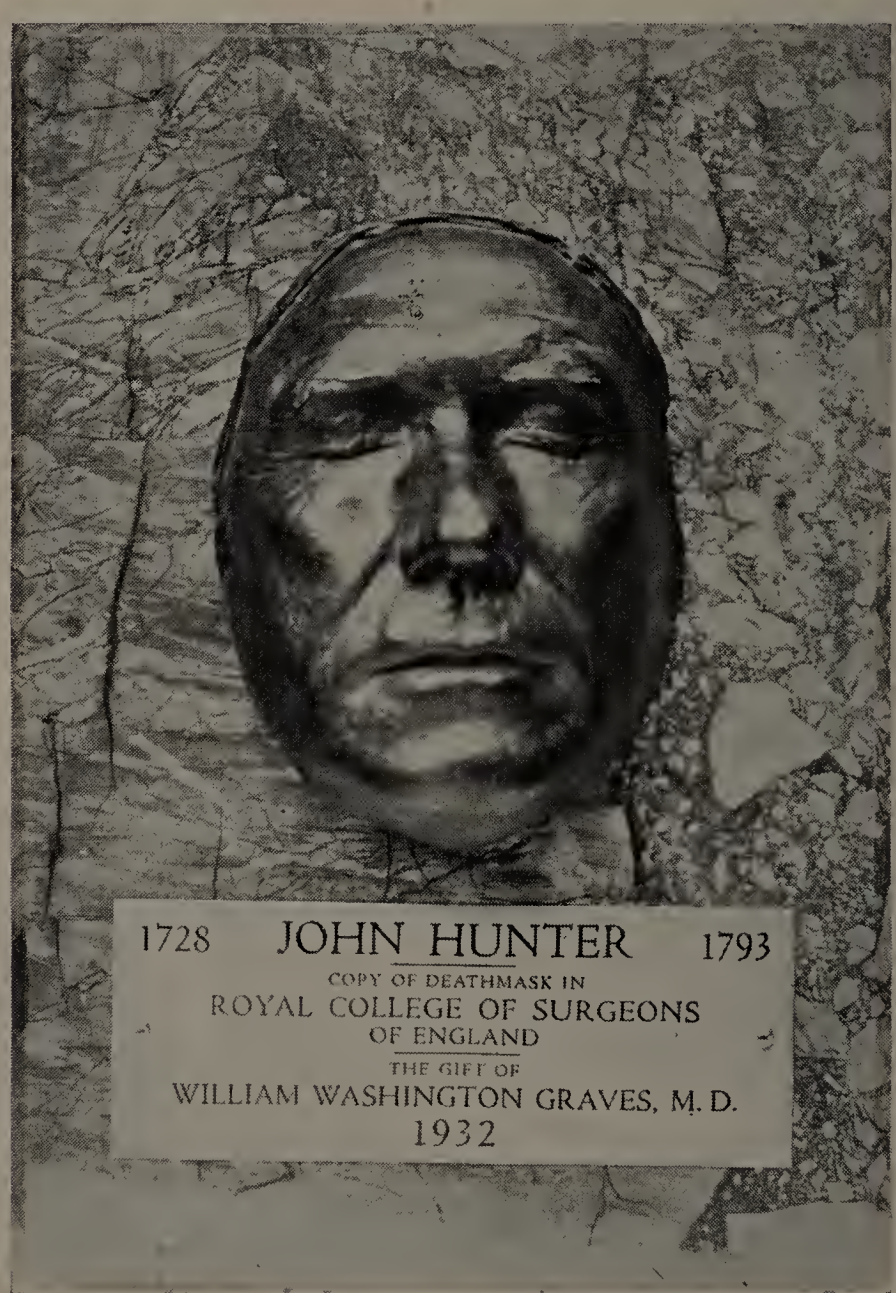
WILLIAM WASHINGTON GRAVES, M. D.

Mr. President and Members of the St. Louis Medical Society:

In 1924, while working in the Hunterian Museum, Royal College of Surgeons of England, I secured, through the courtesy of the Curator, Sir Arthur Keith, a replica in plaster of the death mask of John Hunter. This plaster mask has been reproduced in imperishable bronze and suitably mounted by Victor S. Holm, the Sculptor.

Through accurate and patient, experimental and clinical work, John Hunter became an outstanding figure among the Immortals of the Medical Sciences. Therefore, it seems fitting that some token of this truly great man should find a permanent abiding place in this building—this Shrine of the Medical Sciences—erected by, and dedicated to, the Spirit of the Medical Profession.

Mr. President, I have the honor and privilege of presenting to you and through you to the St. Louis Medical Society, the death mask in bronze of John Hunter. May his likeness, portrayed in this mask, ever recall the Spirit of his life and work. May his achievements serve as continuous sources of inspiration in the search for Truth.



Presented to the St. Louis Medical Society, December 20, 1932

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEATH MASK OF JOHN HUNTER BY THE PRESIDENT, FRANCIS REDER, M. D.

Dr. Graves! It was very considerate of you, while you were pursuing your scientific work in the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England to give a kindly thought to the St. Louis Medical Society. This kindly thought I am sure was prompted by the loyalty and the interest you have always manifested in the Society.

You were fortunate to secure through the courtesy of the Curator Sir Arthur Keith, a plaster replica of the death mask of a very remarkable man, a great seeker of truth, and founder of Surgical Pathology, John Hunter.

This plaster mask you had reproduced by Mr. Victor Holm, the Sculptor, in bronze, and now through your bigness of heart you present this bronze mask of John Hunter to the St. Louis Medical Society. Your act is a most gracious one, Dr. Graves, and I can assure you it will be deeply appreciated by the members of the St. Louis Medical Society. As their President I am pleased to accept your precious gift with sincere gratitude.